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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

GOLDBERG et al.

Serial No.: 09/140,979

Filed: August 27, 1998

Atty. File No.: 3367-4

For: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
PLAYING GAMES ON A
NETWORK" (As Amended)



Group Art Unit: 3737

Examiner: George Manuel

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO OFFICE ACTION DATED
JUNE 28, 2000

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Dear Sir:

The present transmittal is in response to an official Office Action having a mailing date of June 28, 2000. It is requested that this transmittal be entered and the pending claims be reconsidered.

REMARKS

Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected Claims 20-105 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. In particular, the Examiner cites Claims 249-315, 418-422, 425-427 and 430-440 of co-pending patent application Serial No. 09/105,401 as the reason for the present double patenting rejection. However, subsequent to the present rejection by the Examiner, in a telephone conversation with the Examiner on September 5, 2000, the Examiner indicated that since the above-identified claims of the 09/105,401 patent application are being cancelled by a 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(b) Amendment, that the present double patenting rejection will be withdrawn. Accordingly, it is believed that all claims for the present application are now allowable.

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